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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

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A RESOLUTION commemorating the bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

Whereas, The 200th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln occurs in February 12, 2009;

Whereas, Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States, was one of our nation's most prominent leaders;

Whereas, Abraham Lincoln is best known for demonstrating true courage during the Civil War, one of the greatest crises in our nation's history, and eliminating slavery;

Whereas, Abraham Lincoln has many ties to the state of

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Indiana, having spent 14 years, from December 1816 through March 1830, in southern Indiana near the town of Little Pigeon Creek;

Whereas, The Lincoln family of Thomas, Nancy, Sarah, and Abraham moved to what is now Spencer County in southern Indiana and began farming;

Whereas, Just two years after arriving in Indiana, Abraham Lincoln's beloved mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, died, and she is buried, along with his sister, near the Lincoln farm;

Whereas, Lincoln's formative years were spent in Indiana, where he attended school taught by James Swany and Azel Dorsey;

Whereas, Abraham Lincoln also had his first jobs while living in Indiana, helping to develop his keen sense of responsibility and duty;

Whereas, Abraham Lincoln made the ultimate sacrifice for the country he loved, dying from an assassin's bullet on April 15, 1865; and

Whereas, The bicentennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln should be celebrated and remembered in a manner that appropriately honors this great man: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to
- 2 recognize the many accomplishments of the 16th President of the
- 3 United States and to honor him in a manner appropriate to his stature.
- 4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the Indiana
- 6 Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

